

New Registration for OASIS and Interchange Transaction Tagging

The OASIS How Working Group, facilitated by the North American Electric Reliability Council and EPRI, is pleased to announce the startup of a new registration process that integrates OASIS and NERC Interchange Transaction Tagging information into a single online database, providing reliable, accurate information to support OASIS and tagging activities. Features of the new registration process include:

- One seamless, interactive process for registering Transmission Providers (TP), Control Areas (CA), and Security Coordinators (SC), Transmission Customers/Purchasing-Selling Entities (TC/PSE), OASIS Nodes, and Observers for inclusion in one online database;
- Data consistency between OASIS and NERC tagging applications;
- Online forms for transmission providers to enter never-before registered data: POD/POR and non-standard product attributes as required under OASIS Phase 1-A and CPWG's OASIS Phase 1-A Business Practices Report to FERC;
- interactive error-checking and off-line validation of all registered data, including DUNS numbers and Entity Codes;
- secure access to your registered information for quick and easy updating, and,
- the ability to download registration information in both CSV and Access 97 formats.

Registration will be phased to allow the orderly development of the new database. Operating/Security Entities, which include Transmission Providers, Control Areas, and Security Coordinators, will register first beginning today through **November 30, 1998**. Information about the business identity, including DUNS number, Entity Code and Contact information will be required, as will registration of Scheduling Desks. Registration of POD/POR and non-standard transmission product attribute values by Transmission Providers will commence now through January 31, 1999. Although not a requirement, the HWG recommends that Operating/Security Entities use their current tagging codes as their Business Entity Codes. The new registration process reserves existing codes for use by the entity that registered it under the previous registration process. An Operating/Security Entity that serves as a TP, CA, and/or SC need only register the Business Entity once.

Transmission customers/purchasing-selling entities will register between **December 1 and December 31, 1998**. A TC/PSE may not use the same DUNS number or Entity Code as a registered Operating/Security Entity. Each TC/PSE should be aware that the Entity Code will be limited to four alphanumeric. Each TC/PSE may register multiple scheduling desks, identified using the four-character entity code plus a "desk code" — two additional alphanumeric characters of your choosing — to uniquely identify each desk. The new code structure allows TPs, CAs, and TC/PSE's to continue to use existing software for NERC Interchange Transaction Tagging. Most TC/PSEs will be able to retain their codes, and in fact, are urged to do so. But, in some cases, new codes will be required.

Registration Schedule

Who	When	What
O/SE (TP,CA,SC)	Now - November 30, 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Entity Information • Scheduling Desk Information
TP	Now - January 31, 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • POD/POR • Non-standard Transmission Product Attribute Values
TC/PSE	December 1 - December 31, 1998	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Entity Information • Scheduling Desk Information
OASIS Nodes Observers	January 1 - January 31, 1999	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business Entity Information

The registration database will become effective for use in OASIS and tagging applications on **March 1, 1999**, coincident with the start of OASIS Phase 1-A.

The cost of registration is \$100/year. The fee covers the maintenance of the registration site and the OASIS home page at www.tsin.com. Payment is expected at time of registration.

You can find the new registration site at www3.nerc.com/oasis or from the Provider Registration link at www.tsin.com.

Registration instructions are located at www3.nerc.com/oasis/help.html. If you have questions about the registration process or registration requirements, please contact Gerry Cauley: gcauley@worldnet.att.net. To report problems or suggest improvements to the new web site, go to www3.nerc.com/oasis/help/add_comment.asp.